

Remarks

The Applicants have amended the independent claims to recite that the elastomeric material has a through hole to accommodate passage of a doll's head or limb(s). Support may be found in various of the Applicants' Drawings/Figures. Entry into the Official File and consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement including a Form PTO-1449, together with copies of publications cited therein. Entry into the Official File is respectfully requested. The Applicants also respectfully request that the PTO-1449 form be marked to indicate such consideration.

The Applicants acknowledge the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of Claims 1, 3-5 and 20 over Yasuda. The Applicants respectfully submit that Yasuda fails to disclose, either explicitly or implicitly, the claimed aspect wherein the elastomeric material has a through hole to accommodate passage of a doll's head or limb(s). Instead, Yasuda discloses a multi-layered sheet. There is nothing concerning a through hole to accommodate passage of a doll's head or limb. The Applicants also respectfully submit that such a through hole is not inherent in the disclosure of Yasuda. There are multiple references on this record that already show various types of dolls clothes that do not contain such through holes. In that regard, the Applicants invite the Examiner's attention to U.S. 2,944,368 which discloses various dolls structures and associated clothes. There are no through holes in those dolls clothes. Therefore, the disclosure by Yasuda of a multi-layer sheet in no way makes inherent a through hole in such a sheet. The Applicants accordingly respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

The Applicants acknowledge the rejection of Claims 6-11, 13-14 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Yasuda. The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's helpful comments

concerning what Yasuda discloses and what it admittedly does not disclose. However, the Applicants respectfully submit that it is merely speculation to take the position that it would be obvious to utilize the claimed modulus of elasticity, for example, in the absence of any teachings or suggestions to do so. In any event, Yasuda fails to teach or suggest the claimed aspect of Claims 6-11, 13-14 and 21 wherein the elastomeric material has a through hole to accommodate passage of a doll's head or limb(s). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Applicants acknowledge the rejection of Claim 12 based on the hypothetical combination of Fogarty with Yasuda. The Applicants respectfully submit that Fogarty also fails to teach or suggest the claimed aspect of Claim 12 wherein the elastomeric material has a through hole to accommodate passage of a doll's head or limb(s). Accordingly, even if one of ordinary skill in the art were to make the hypothetical combination of Fogarty with Yasuda, the resulting structure would still fail to teach or suggest the subject matter recited in Claim 12. Withdrawal of that rejection is respectfully requested.

The Applicants acknowledge the rejection of Claims 1, 3-5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the hypothetical combination of Yasuda with Fogarty. The Applicants respectfully submit that the hypothetical combination of Yasuda with Fogarty fails to teach or suggest the invention as recited in Claims 1, 3- 5 and 9 for the same reasons set forth above with respect to Claim 12. In other words, both of Yasuda and Fogarty fail to teach or suggest a through hole to accommodate passage of a doll's head or limbs. Accordingly, the hypothetical combination of both references would still fail to teach or suggest such claimed structure. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Applicants acknowledge the rejection of Claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the hypothetical combination of Yasuda with Fogarty. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claim 15 fails for the same reasons set forth above with respect to Claims 1, 3-5 and 9.

Withdrawal of the rejection is accordingly respectfully requested.

The Applicants acknowledge the rejection of Claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the hypothetical combination of O'Brian and/or Gross and/or Wion with Kramer. The Applicants respectfully submit that Kramer is utterly inapplicable to Claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16 and 20 inasmuch as the garments are planar and have no through holes. As noted above, O'Brien has no through holes.

One of ordinary skill in the art would not hypothetically combine Gross and/or Wion with Kramer. Since the Kramer clothing is planar, there is utterly no incentive to employ articulated shoulders, elbows, knees, necks, hips and the like. There is utterly no need to have such articulation in the case of Kramer. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that neither Gross nor Wion would be combined with Kramer and/or O'Brien. The Applicants accordingly respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16 and 20.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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